

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A powder for oral suspension, comprising:

- a) non-dihydrate azithromycin; and
- b) an azithromycin form conversion stabilizing excipient; and
- c) an azithromycin form conversion enhancer.

2-6. (CANCELED)

7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The powder for oral suspension of Claim 1 wherein the azithromycin form conversion stabilizing excipient is a surface tension reducing excipient.

8. (CANCELED)

9. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The powder for oral suspension of Claim 8_1 wherein the form conversion enhancer is selected from the group consisting of a flavoring and a volatile organic component.

10. (ORIGINAL) The powder for oral suspension of Claim 9 wherein the flavoring is selected from the group consisting of vanilla, grape, cherry, banana, and mixtures thereof.

11. (ORIGINAL) The powder for oral suspension of Claim 9 wherein the volatile organic component is selected from the group consisting of 3-methyl-butyl acetate and isoamyl isovalerate.

12-15. (CANCELED)

16. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The powder for oral suspension of Claim 9 wherein the azithromycin form conversion stabilizing excipient is a non-ionic surfactant.

17. (ORIGINAL) The powder for oral suspension of Claim 16 wherein the non-ionic surfactant is selected from the group consisting of a polysorbate, a

nonylphenoxypropoxyethylene, a polyoxyethylene ether and an octylphenoylethylene oxide.

18-19. (CANCELED)

20. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The powder for oral suspension of Claims 1-19 1 wherein the non-dihydrate azithromycin is selected from the group consisting of forms B, D, E, F, G, H, M, N, O, P, Q, R, and mixtures thereof.

21. (ORIGINAL) The powder for oral suspension of Claim 20 further comprising a non-viscosifying sweetener.

22. (ORIGINAL) The powder for oral suspension of Claim 21 wherein the non-viscosifying sweetener is selected from the group consisting of saccharin, aspartame, acesulfame potassium, thaumatin and monelim.

23. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The powder for oral suspension of Claims 1-19 1 wherein the non-dihydrate azithromycin comprises an ethanol solvate of azithromycin.

24. (ORIGINAL) The powder for oral suspension of Claim 23 further comprising a non-viscosifying sweetener.

25. (ORIGINAL) The powder for oral suspension of Claim 24 wherein the non-viscosifying sweetener is selected from the group consisting of saccharin, aspartame, acesulfame potassium, thaumatin and monelim.

26. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The powder for oral suspension of Claims 1-19 1 wherein the non-dihydrate azithromycin comprises an isopropanol solvate of azithromycin.

27. (ORIGINAL) The powder for oral suspension of Claim 26 further comprising a non-viscosifying sweetener.

28. (ORIGINAL) The powder for oral suspension of Claim 27 wherein the non-viscosifying

sweetener is selected from the group consisting of saccharin, aspartame, acesulfame potassium, thaumatin and monelin.

29-78. (CANCELED)